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Higurashi no Naku Koro ni Rei

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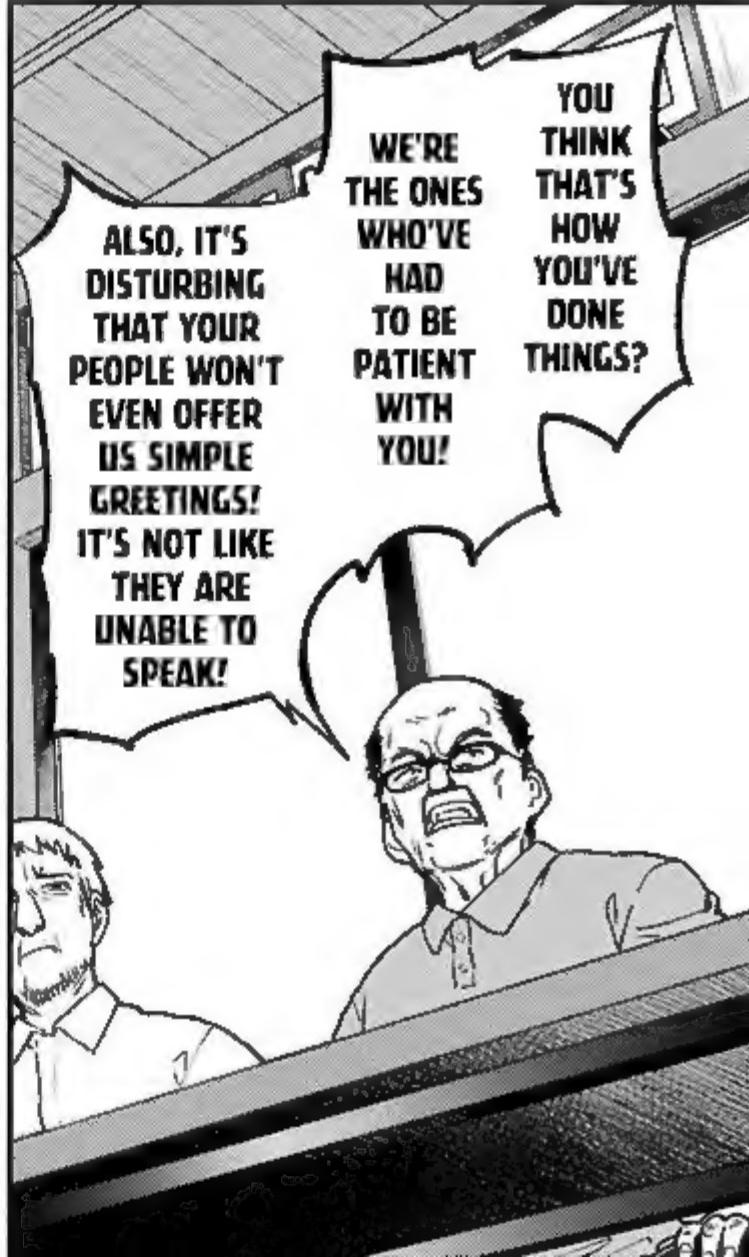
RIGHT NOW,
HINAMI-
ZAWA...
...IS IN
A CRITICAL
PERIOD IN
DETERMINING
IF IT WILL
BECOME
A WORLD
HERITAGE
SITE.

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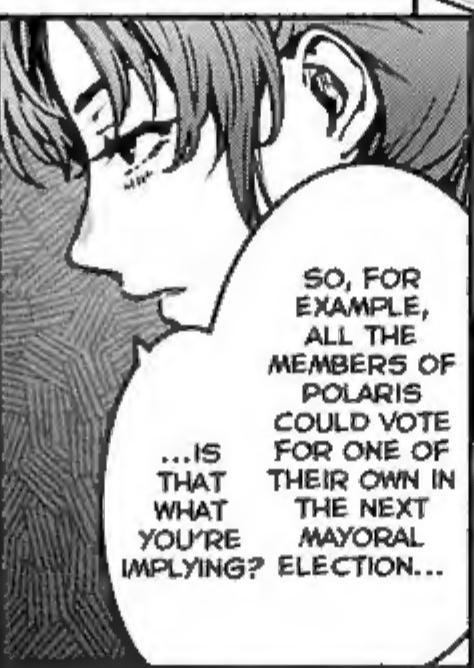
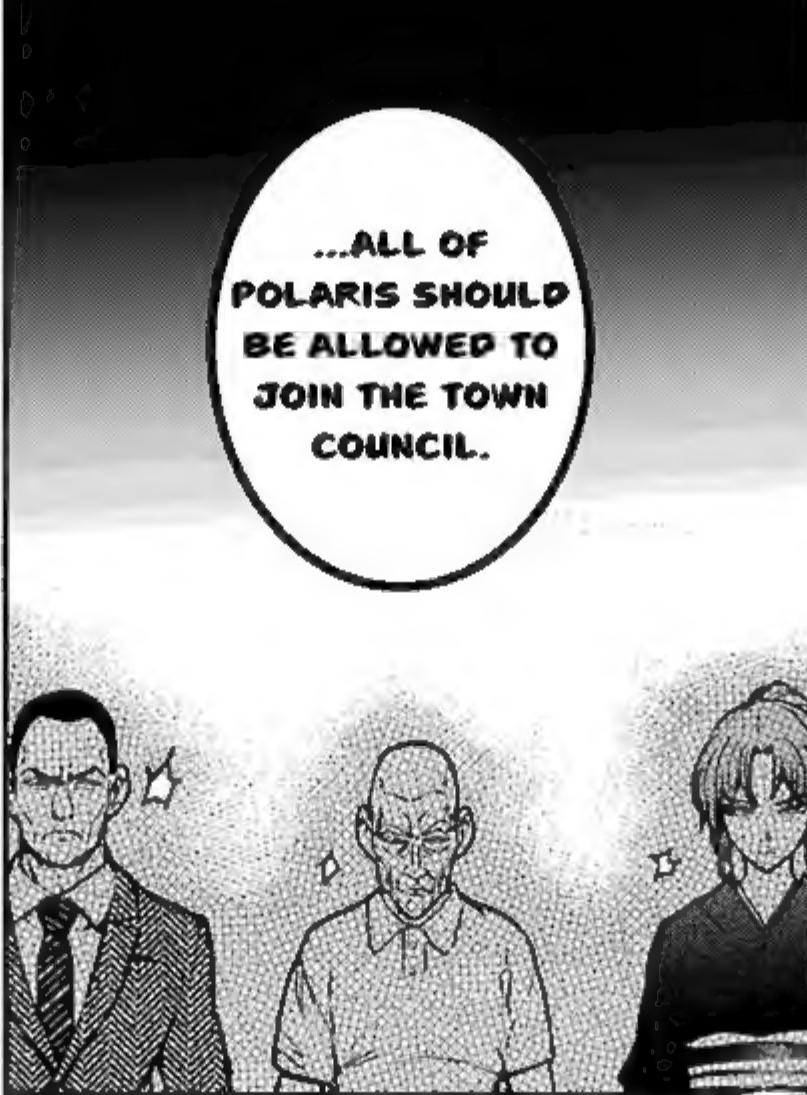
A stormy village meeting...

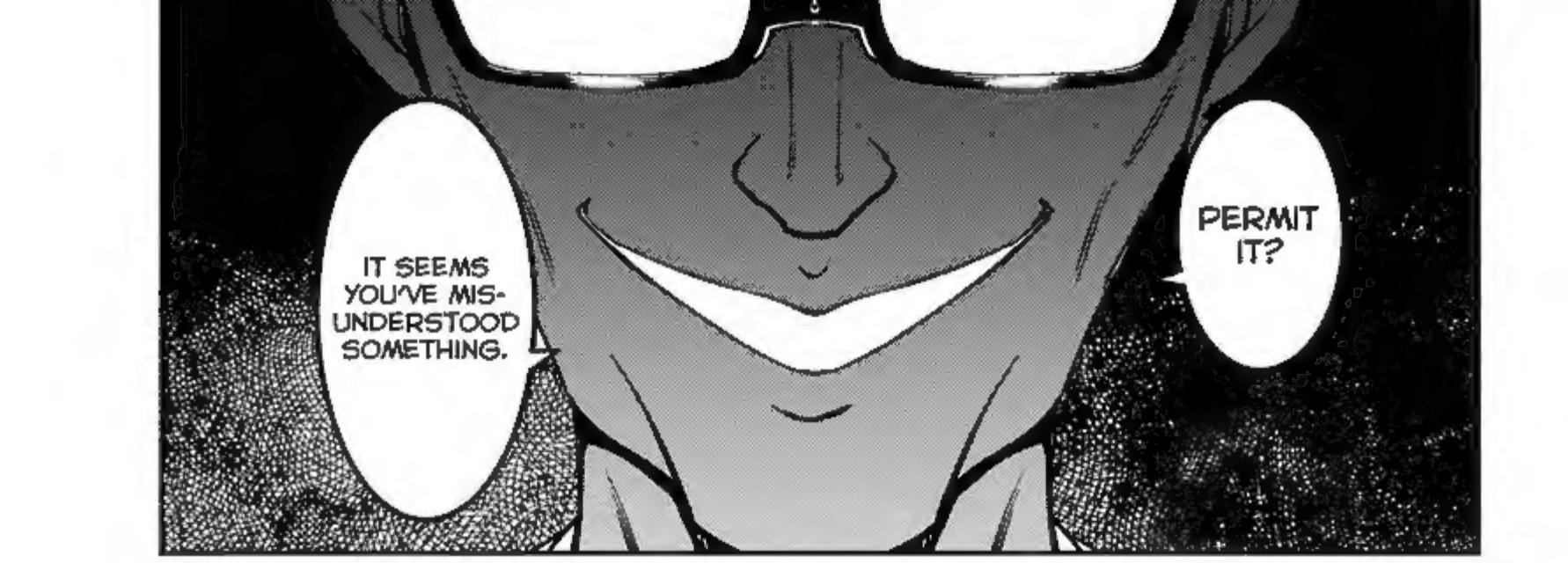


SUMMARY

KETTAROU IS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT HALF THE CURRENT RESIDENTS OF HINAMIZAWA ARE MEMBERS OF POLARIS, AND CAN'T HIDE HIS BEWILDERMENT WHEN KIHIRO TELLS HIM THAT THE CURSE OF OYASHIRO-SAMA OCCURRED AT LAST YEAR'S INANAGASHI FESTIVAL. HOWEVER, KETTAROU REFUSES TO GIVE UP ON BEFRIENDING POLARIS, AND AT A CHANCE MEETING AT THE SUPERMARKET HE HAPPENED TO CALL OUT TO INORI, BUT...







IT SEEMS
YOU'VE MIS-
UNDERSTOOD
SOMETHING.

PERMIT
IT?



POLARIS
COULD STOP
TREATING YOU
IDEALISTICALLY
AT ANY TIME.

IT'S PRECISELY
BECAUSE
WE TAKE OUR
IDEALISM
SERIOUSLY
THAT YOU'RE
IN THE POSITION
YOU ARE NOW.

DAMN IT! THOSE
POLARIS FOLKS
ARE GOING WAY
TOO FAR!

MION-SAN.

AT LEAST
IF RIKASA
COMES BACK
HERE...

BUT WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?
IF ONE
DOES
TRY
RUNNING
FOR
MAYOR...

HAS THE
SONOZAKI
FAMILY LOST
THEIR LOVE FOR
HINAMIZAWA?

WHY
AREN'T
THE
SONO-
ZAKIS
DOING
ANY-
THING?

THEN, ARE
YOU SAYING
NOTHING
CAN BE
DONE TO
GET RID
OF THEM?

RIGHT,
IT'D BE
ALL OVER
FOR AN
ELDERLY
PERSON
IF THEY
BROKE A
BONE.

IT SEEMS
AKANE-
SAN COULDN'T
MAKE IT AGAIN
THIS TIME.
HOW IS SHE
DOING?

NEVER-
THELESS,
SHE'S
STILL ALL
THERE
MENTALLY.



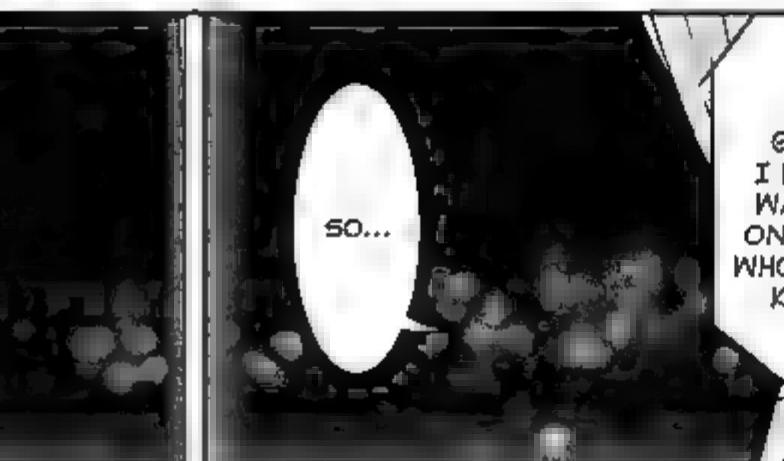






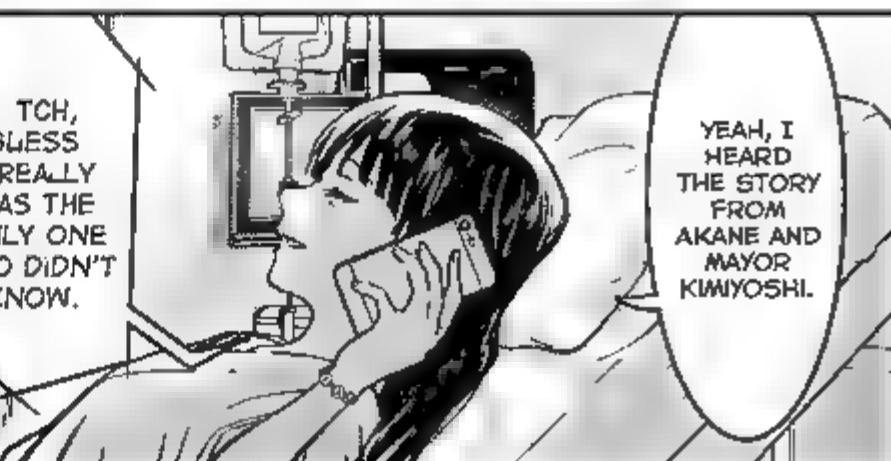


HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE "POLARIS FAMILY SOCIETY"?
HEY, BIG SIS RIK...



SO...

TCH,
GUESS
I REALLY
WAS THE
ONLY ONE
WHO DIDN'T
KNOW.



YEAH, I
HEARD
THE STORY
FROM
AKANE AND
MAYOR
KIMIYOSHI.



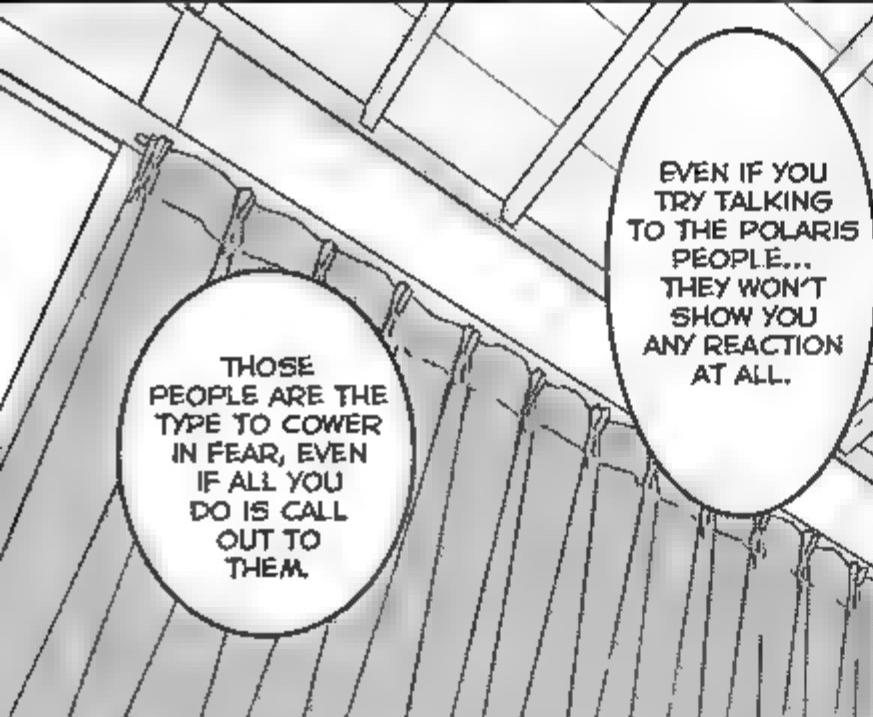
YOU'RE
ALWAYS
ABLE TO
SEE RIGHT
THROUGH
EVERYTHING.

YOU
GOT
ME.



KNOWING
YOU,
I'M SURE
YOU FELT A
DESIRE
TO MAKE
FRIENDS
WITH THEM,
RIGHT?

KEITAROU,
WHAT
DID YOU
THINK
OF THE
PEOPLE OF
POLARIS
WHEN YOU
SAW THEM?



THOSE
PEOPLE ARE THE
TYPE TO COWER
IN FEAR, EVEN
IF ALL YOU
DO IS CALL
OUT TO THEM.

EVEN IF YOU
TRY TALKING
TO THE POLARIS
PEOPLE...
THEY WON'T
SHOW YOU
ANY REACTION
AT ALL.





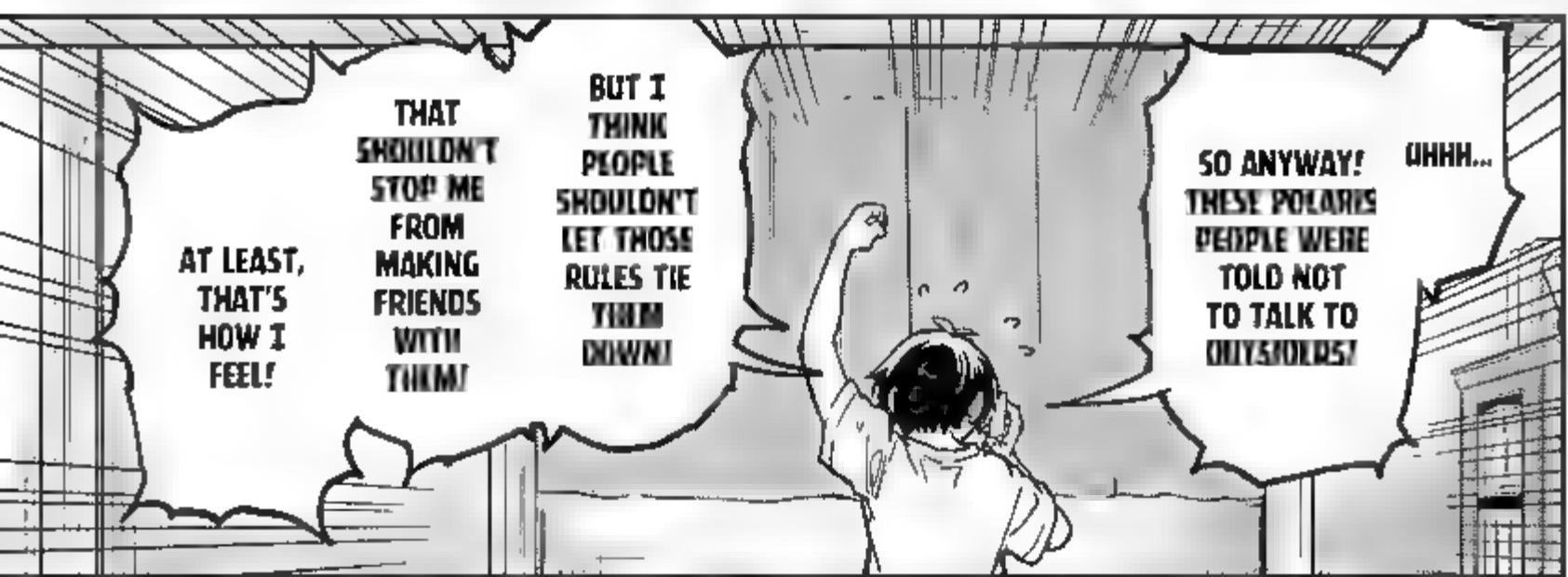
KEITAROU MAEBARA: KEIICHI'S ONLY SON. MOVED FROM TOKYO TO HINAMIZAWA.



KIHIRO RYUUGU: RENA'S SON. ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO KEITAROU, AND IN THE SAME CLASS.



TAMAKI SONOZAKI: MIDORI'S DAUGHTER AND FUTURE HEAD OF THE SONOZAKI FAMILY.

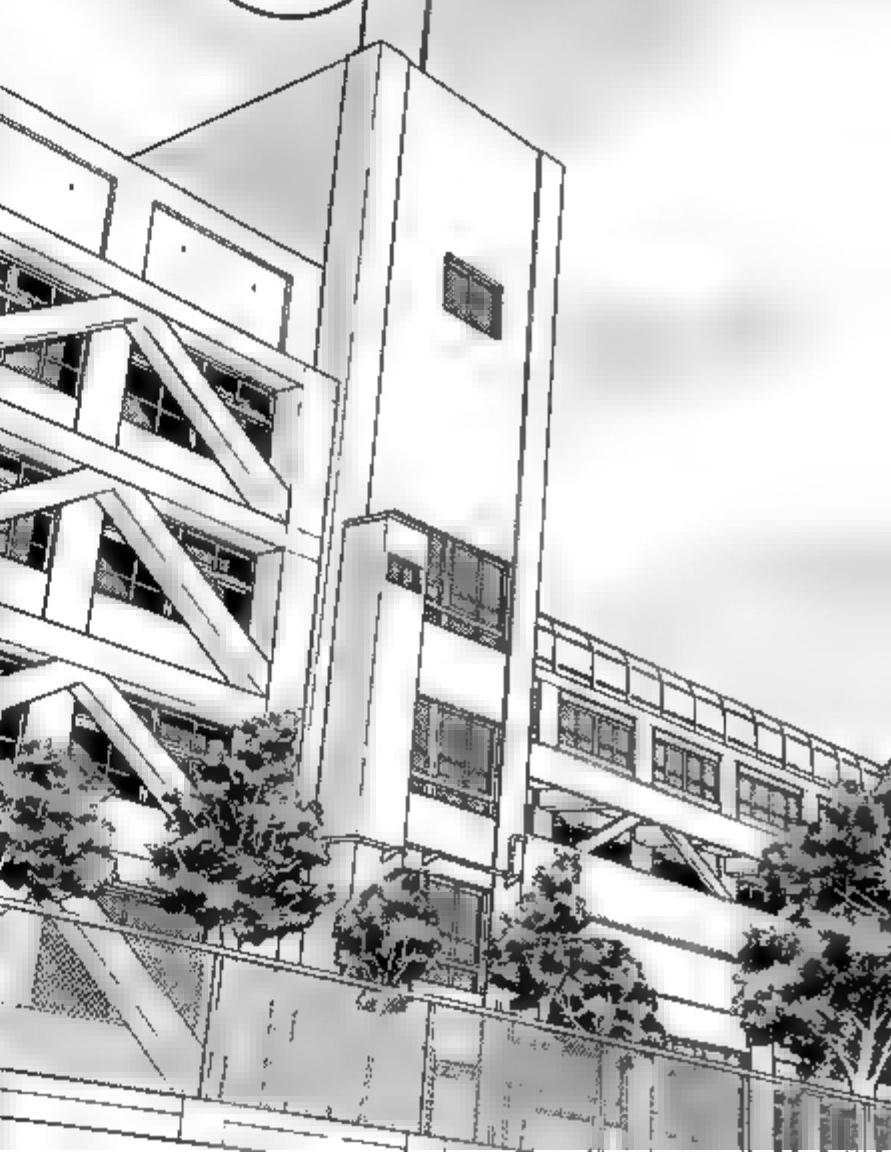




...BUT,
BEFORE
MAKING
FRIENDS
WITH THE
PEOPLE OF
POLARIS...



HOW THEY
FEEL ABOUT
HINAMIZAWA...?



SAKAGAMI-KUN! YOU'RE WITH POLARIS, AREN'T YOU?!

ANYWAY, SEE YOU AROUND.

PLEASE, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

KIJIMA-KUN! YOU'RE WITH POLARIS, AREN'T YOU?!

PASS

JOLT

IT'S MY SECRET PLAN FOR GETTING ALONG WITH POLARIS!

KEITAROU, WHAT ARE YOU HANDING OUT TO PEOPLE?

AT FIRST I WAS THINKING OF DOING AN ANONYMOUS ONLINE SURVEY, BUT SOME PEOPLE MIGHT NOT HAVE SMARTPHONES SO I OPTED TO GO FULL ANALOG!

IT'S SCARY THAT THERE'S NO ESCAPING THIS SURVEY.

HINA-MIZAWA SURVEY?

WHAT IS THIS?

HinaMizawa Survey!!

Q1. Did you know that Hinamizawa is the best village out there?

*I always knew *I do now

Q2. Do you feel like your body gotten healthier since you moved to Hinamizawa?

*I totally think so *I think so



I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU, SO LET ME MAKE IT UP TO YOU BY GIVING YOU MY SR WAN-YAN STICKERS. YOU CAN PUT THEM ON YOUR PHONE!

KAY-TARO, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE HIT A REAL ROAD-BLOCK...

AH-, SORRY KEITAROU. I GUESS THAT WAS THE CONCLUSION YOU CAME TO AFTER GIVING IT A LOT OF THOUGHT.

I ALREADY TOLD YOU, I'M NOT GETTING INVOLVED WITH POLARIS.

...ALL YOU EVER DO IS DISAGREE WITH ME!

AT LEAST OFFER UP A COUNTER-PROPOSAL! BACK ME UP HERE!

AAH! COME ON, KEITAROU! EVEN SO...

Slump

I'M FIGHTING ALONE AND HELPLESS...

HONESTLY THOUGH, THAT'S TRUE ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE!

BUT I DO LIKE IT TOO!

PLUS, THIS FRESH AIR TASTES SO DELICIOUS. IF I COULD MAKE A MEAL OUT OF AIR I'D ORDER 100 HELPINGS!

WELL, IT'S A SCENIC AREA, RIGHT?

THAT'S A LIE!

...THIS HINAMIZAWA SURVEY IS NICE.

EVERYONE, WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT HINAMIZAWA?

...JUST BEING
ABLE TO TALK
LIKE THIS IS
SO INCREDIBLY
FUN.

EVEN IF
THERE'S
NOTHING
PARTI-
CULARLY
SPECIAL
ABOUT IT...

THAT'S
WHAT I
ALWAYS
THINK.

YOU HAVE
TO CHERISH
THESE
SMALL
BITS OF
HAPPINESS.



THE GREATEST TREASURE OF HINAMIZAWA IS THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE.

...NO.
YOU'RE EXACTLY
RIGHT ABOUT
THAT.

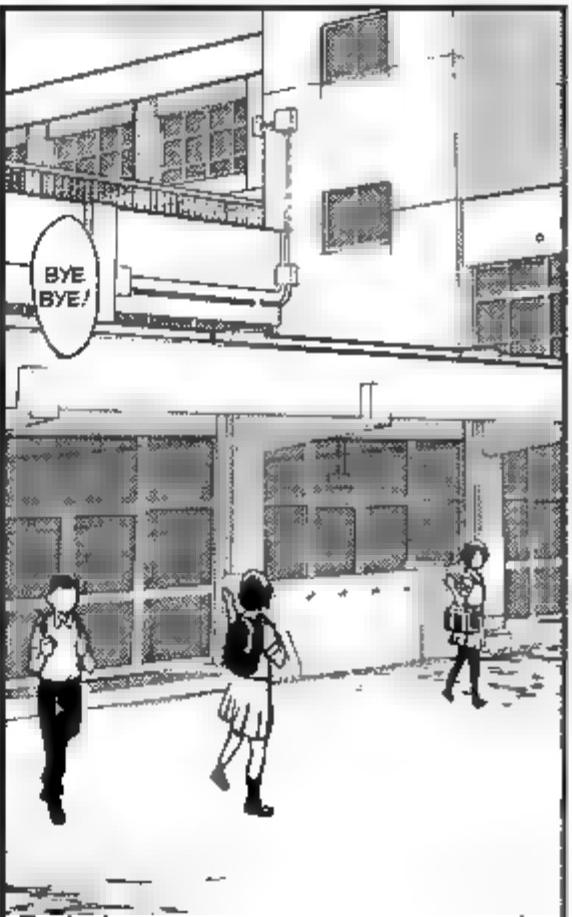
BUT IT'S
TOTALLY
OKAY SINCE
YOU'RE
THE ONE
SAYING
IT,
KHIRO

IS THAT
HOW MUCH
LOVE WEIGHS?

BOUT AS
HEAVY AS
10,000
APPLES!

OH, I
GUESS I
MADE THE
CONVER-
SATION
GET
HEAVY?









SAKIKO KIMIYOSHI: SATOKO'S DAUGHTER
ONE YEAR OLDER THAN KEITAROU



KURURU ISSHIKI: A GIRL WHO GOES TO
KEITAROU'S SCHOOL, A YEAR YOUNGER





NO WAY!!
WE
JUST
HAPPENED
TO BE
PASSING BY!!

USING THE
POWER
OF NUMBERS
TO PRESSURE
HER NOT
TO SAY NO?
NOW THAT'S
A NASTY ULTERIOR
MOTIVEEEEEEE!

AND YOU
BROUGHT
YOUR
FRIENDS
ALONG,
TOO...

ARE YOU
STALKING
INORIIII?

OH!
COULD
IT
BEEEEEE...

DID YOU
NEED
SOMETHING
FROM
THE
FIRST-YEAR
CLASS-
ROOM?

PFFT

IT WAS THE
BED IN THE
NURSE'S OFFICE!
AND YOU
WERE JUST
SITTING ON IT
WHILE WE
WERE TALKING!!

OH
YEAH?
HEY
TAMA,
WHAT
DID YOU
JUST
IMAGINE
THERE,
HUUH?

OHHH-?
JUST
WHAT ARE
YOU
IMAGINING
THERE,
SONO-
ZAKI-
SENPAIII?

WHA? IN BED?
ISN'T IT
WAY TOO SOON
TO BE DOING
THINGS LIKE
THAT?!

OUR LAST
CHAT WAS
WHILE LAYING
IN BED...

MAEBARA-
SENPA'S
LIBIDO
IS
THROUGH MEEEEEE...
THE
ROOF!

ALL
OF
YOU,
LISTEN
TO
MEEEE...

RIGHT!
YOU'RE
HERE!

YOU'RE THE
POLARIS
MEMBER WHO
CAN TALK!

OH!

AND WHO
MIGHT
YOU BE,
HANDSOME
UPPER-
CLASSMAN?

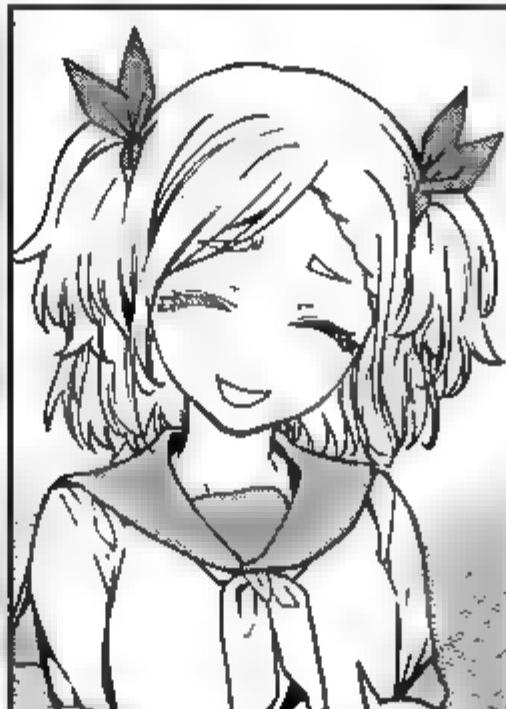
OF COURSE! THE
DAUGHTERS OF
THE SONOZAKI
AND KIMIYOSHI
FAMILIES
ARE QUITE
FAMOUS ★

SO WAIT,
YOU KNOW
US?

I'M
KIHIRO
RYUUGU.
A
FRIEND
OF
KAY-
TARO'S.

hananawana~





HOW DO THE
MEMBERS
OF POLARIS
FEEL ABOUT
HINAMIZAWA?

...ARE YOU
PLANNING
TO DO WHEN
YOU HEAR THE
ANSWER TO
THAT?

WHAT...

UHH...

AND WHAT
BENEFIT IS
THERE TO THE
PEOPLE OF
HINAMIZAWA IN
BECOMING
FRIENDS WITH
POLARIS?

AND IN
ORDER TO
DO THAT, I
NEED TO
UNDERSTAND
HOW THEY
FEEL ABOUT
HINAMIZAWA,
FROM THEIR
POINT OF
VIEW!

I WANT TO
BECOME
FRIENDS
WITH THE
PEOPLE
OF
POLARIS!



YOU KNOW HOW THE PEOPLE IN POLARIS FEEL ABOUT HINANZAWA, DON'T YOU?

...BUT IF YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT'S A RULE THE "HOLY MOTHER" DECIDED FOR POLARIS...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY POLARIS IS SO STUBBORNLY OPPOSED TO COMMUNICATING WITH OTHER PEOPLE...

KURURU ISN'T A DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF THE FAITH, SO IT'S HARD TO SAY HOW KIDS LIKE THAT WOULD FEEL...

I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW THE OTHER KIDS FEEL ★

WHA-? SO I HAVE TO ASK THEM DIRECTLY, AFTER ALL...

THEN I THINK IT'S A MISTAKE TO BE BOUND BY RULES LIKE THAT!

WELL, PROBABLY.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE WHO THINK IT'S OKAY TO HAVE RULES LIKE THAT.

...THEY AREN'T FOLLOWING THE RULES JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE RULES.

BUT...

THEY REALLY
OUGHT TO
JUST CHANGE
THE NAME
TO POLARIS
VILLAGE
ALREADYYY,
AND
SO ON★

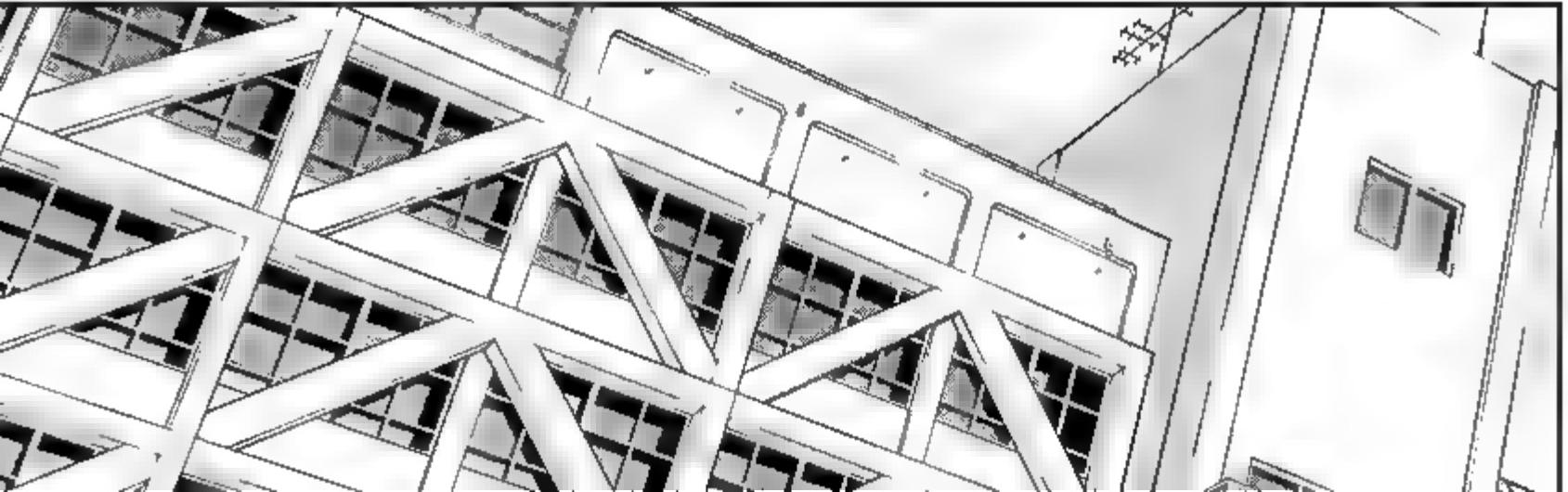
THE
HOUSES
ARE
RAGGED
AND LOOK
LIKE
THEY'RE
FOR THE
POOR★

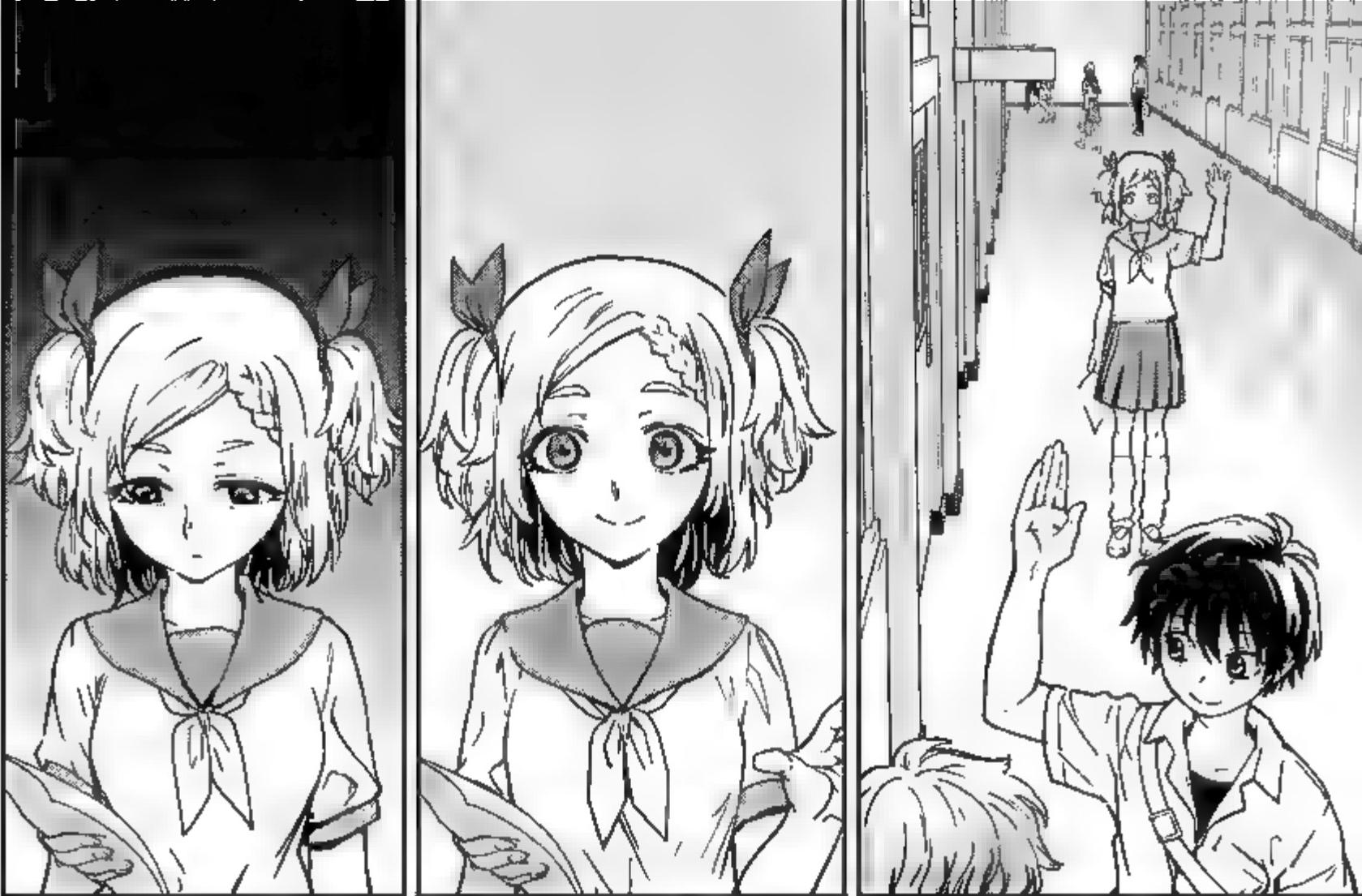
...THE
NAME
HINA-
MIZAWA
HAS A VERY
COUNTRY
FEEL
TO IT.

AND BY
THE WAY,
IF YOU'D
LIKE
TO KNOW
HOW
KURURU
FEELS...

I DON'T
REALLY
KNOW
THOUGH★







Hinamizawa SURVEY

A SURVEY OF HOW PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT HINAMIZAWA!

I FIGURED EVEN WITH POLARIS KIDS, COMMUNICATING VIA PAPER WOULD REALLY LOWER THE HURDLE.

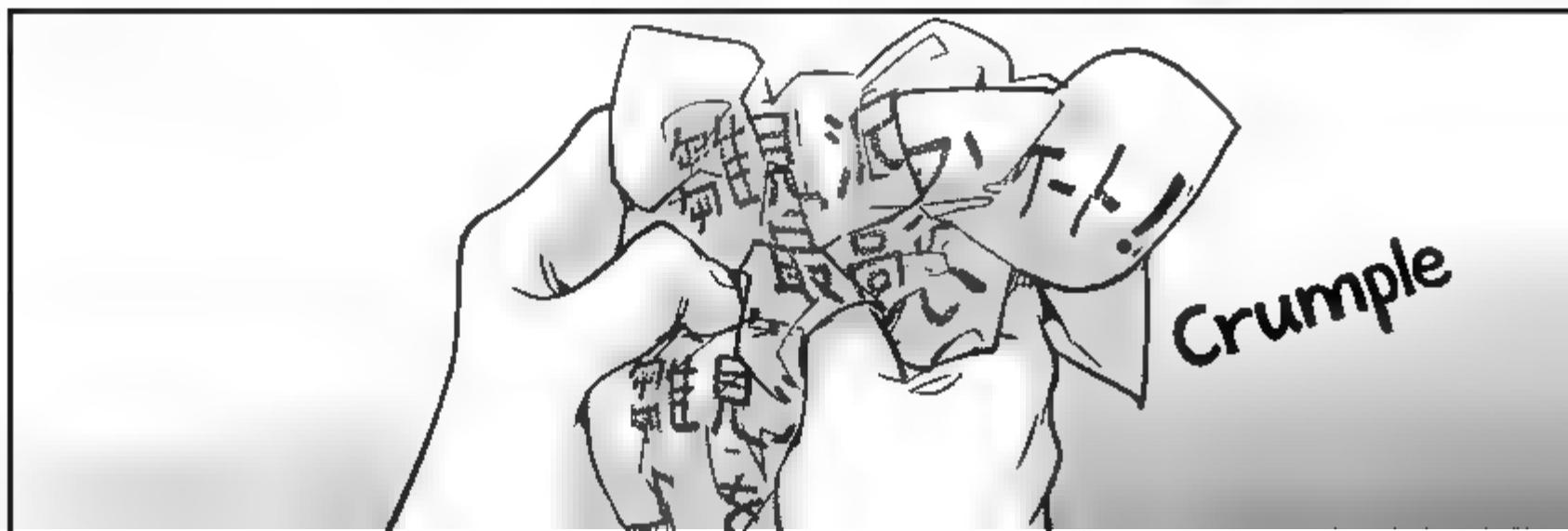
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IF YOU DON'T MIND, YOU CAN HELP OUT WITH THE SURVEY TOO!

IT WOULD BE A BIG HELP IF YOU COULD PASS THESE OUT TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS!

WHAT IS THIS?



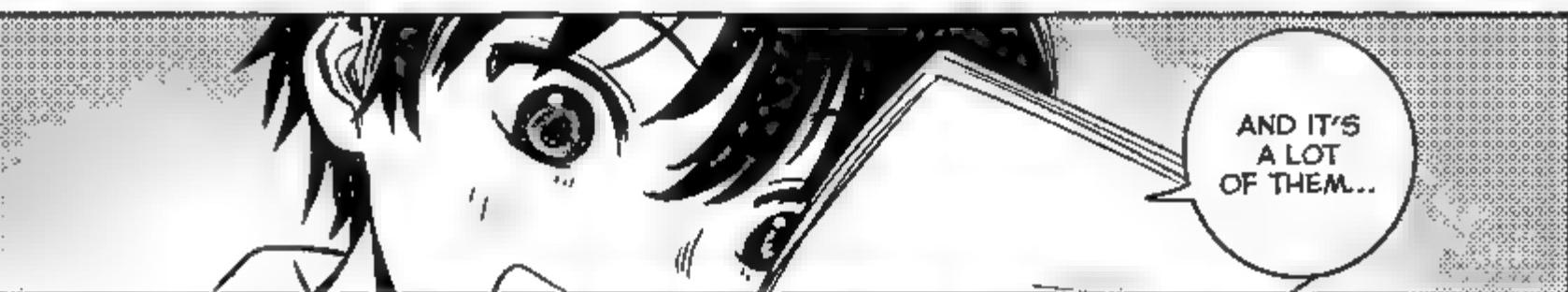






INDRI
MIKAZUKI

TO THE SAME
MATERIAL



How does it
make you feel?
*(No character limit)
I think it's scary

"I THINK
IT'S
SCARY."



"I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THINGS LIKE THAT."

"DON'T ASK ME ABOUT THE MAN THAT USED TO BE MY FATHER."

"PLEASE DON'T TAKE ANY INTEREST IN ME."

"IF YOU'LL THINK I'M A BAD PERSON FOR NOT THANKING YOU, THEN DON'T BE NICE TO ME AT ALL."

"YOUR LOUD VOICE IS REALLY SCARY."

"ONCE THEY REALIZE I CAN'T SPEAK, THEY STOP SMILING, THEN GET ANGRY AND LET OUT A BIG SIGH."

"THE THING I DON'T LIKE ABOUT HINAMIZAWA IS HOW EVERYONE IS ALWAYS SMILING WHILE TALKING TO ONE ANOTHER."

WELL,
PROBABLYYYY...

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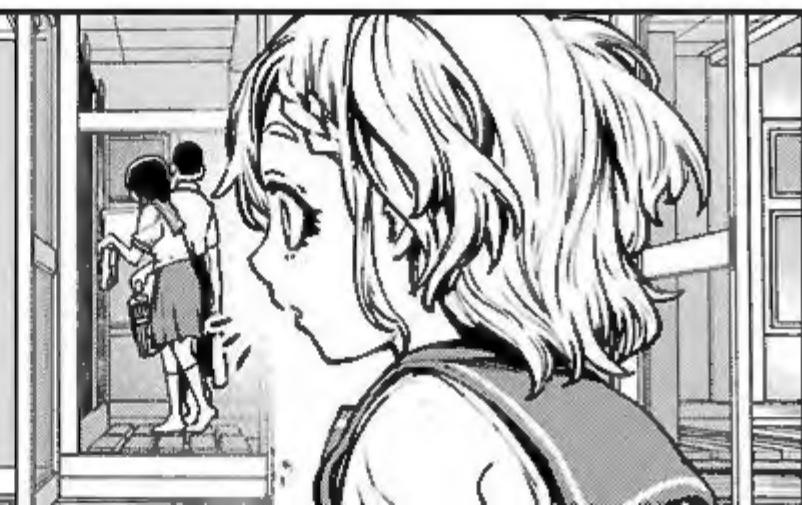
BECAUSE
OUTSIDERS
LEAD TO
DESPAIR.

THEY'RE REFUSING
TO INTERACT
WITH OUTSIDERS,
AREN'T THEY?

I WAS
MIS-
TAKEN...









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